

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the printing error that occurred with respect to claim 2. The error has been corrected herein.

Applicants wish to note for the record, however, some errors in the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. "The subject matter of claim 2 (as filed 25 January 2007)" does not "mirror the originally submitted version of claim 2," and claim 2 was not amended in Amendment E (filed July 11, 2003), both as erroneously asserted. Amendment E correctly shows the status identifier of claim 2 as still being "Original." Due to what was clearly a printing error, however, a line of text from claim 2 was inadvertently missing from Amendment E, an error which persisted until caught by the Examiner.

Accordingly, the claims listing enclosed herein correctly reflects the subject matter and the status identifier of all claims. Claim 2 correctly mirrors the claim 2 originally filed, and its status identifier still correctly reads as "Original" because this claim has never been amended during the prosecution of this Application, nor have Applicants argued in favor of the patentability of this claim on the basis of the printing error noted above.

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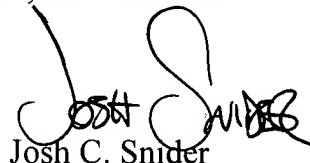
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